

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 244

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize John Mitchell Barton,
2007 Valedictorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, John Mitchell Barton is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Barton has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Barton has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including baseball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, First United Methodist Youth Group, and Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Mr. Barton has been selected for Tennessee Boys' State and the Tennessee Honors Program, and he has played on the All-Tournament Basketball Team for District 2-AA; he has also been awarded a scholarship from the Elks Foundation and Carson-Newman College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barton's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at Carson-Newman College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barton's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, John and Amanda Barton, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, John Barton's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Valedictorian, John Mitchell Barton, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.